

CHURCH MATTERS.

Religious Notices.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday school at 12 M. Sunday school prayer-meeting, Sabbath, at 7 P. M. Weekly prayer-meeting, Thursday, at 7.45 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Ezra D. Simons, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; Sunday school, 12 M. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Temperance meeting on Tuesday evenings. Prayer-meeting on Thursday evenings. Young People's meeting, Sabbath evening at 6.30 o'clock.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Lowrie, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; Prayer meeting at 2.30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings at 7.45. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.45 o'clock.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Fremont street, corner Franklin. Services, S. W. Duffield, Pastor. Sabbath, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday school, 12 M. Weekly prayer-meeting at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening, in Chapel parlor.

CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal).—Liberty street.—Rev. W. G. Farrington, D.D., Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock. Second service, 7.30 P. M., except first Sunday in month, when it is at 3.45 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M.

HOPE CHURCH.—Sunday school every Sabbath at 3.30 P. M. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardiello, Pastor. First mass, 8.30 A. M. High mass, 10.30 A. M. Vespers, 3 P. M. Sunday school, 2.30 P. M.

BERKELEY UNION SABBATH SCHOOL.—Held in Berkeley School-house, Bloomfield avenue, every Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

WATKISSING M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. J. Cowans, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday school, 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meeting, Thursday evening at 7.45. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.45.

ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Watkissing).—Rev. Daniel L. Edwards, Rector. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock; evening service, 7.30. Sunday school, 3 P. M.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John M. Enslin, Pastor. Hours of service, 10.30 A. M. Sunday school, 2 P. M. Prayer-meeting, Tuesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.

REFORMED CHURCH (Brookdale).—Rev. William G. E. See, Pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday school, 9 A. M. E. G. Day, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening.

SILVER LAKE.—Sabbath school held every Sunday, in the hall, at 3 P. M. Charles A. Hubbs, Superintendent. Gospel meeting every Sabbath evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and Conversational meeting, Friday evening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NORMAL CLASS.—Rev. W. H. Brodhead, teacher. Held at Lecture room of Baptist church every Friday evening during the month of December. Commencing at 8 P. M. All interested in the Sunday-school lessons are very cordially invited to attend.

Fire Department Notes.

The Hook & Ladder Company have greatly improved the appearance of their bell tower by the application of a coat of paint. Mr. Robert J. Burdette, who appears in Library Hall on December 17th, under the management of Essex H. & L. Co., was one of the attractions in the Westminster Lyceum course two years ago. The "Hawkeye" man is very entertaining.

Two firemen with extinguishers and hooks will be on duty on the stage in Library Hall at all entertainments.

"Essex No. 1" are having their pictures taken and handsomely framed, for presentation to Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1, of Middletown, N. Y.

The boys intend fitting up the first floor of the bell tower as a cosy parlor and committee room.

At a trial of the pump on the truck recently, a stream of water was thrown ninety feet from a 3/4 inch nozzle. The Chief says "she is a little fire department in herself."

Montclair crossed our line last Saturday, saved a building about four feet square, and then called us by telephone to come and see what they had done. We found plenty of fire and played on the burning hay and timbers nearly an hour. The owner furnished excellent coffee at the close of our labors.

Telegraphic communication between the hose and truck house is a good thing, but what is needed most is similar means of sending an alarm to the bell, from the outskirts out of the town.

That Sunday morning fire at Watkissing came near being a serious thing, and no alarm was given until a man had covered the distance on foot, arriving so completely "winded" that he could hardly tell the location of the fire.

Telephone: the location of the fire and your name to Dodd's stables (Bloomfield 24), and valuable time will be saved.

Montclair Phire Phashes.

Saturday, November 22, at 5 P. M., an alarm of fire was rung for district 3-4. The fire was found to be in a barn on Mr. Force's premises, Walnut street. After the barn had been pulled down, Montclair found that the fire was in Bloomfield; so word was telephoned to Chief Marsh and he took charge of the ruins.

Monday evening the regular meeting was held. Five new members were proposed,

and, if elected, the company will have fifty six members, four short of the full number.

The second anniversary of M. H. & L. Co., No. 1, was observed on Tuesday evening, November 25th, by a supper, provided by S. & J. Davis, caterers, of Orange, at the truck house. The apparatus was removed in the afternoon and tables were placed on three sides of the large room, and at 8 P. M., supper was served. A string orchestra of five pieces were stationed in the meeting room, and played during the supper. The menu gave views of the old house occupied by the truck in 1882, with the tree back of it, and of our present quarters and bell tower. About 10 o'clock, Foreman Schott made a short speech, reviewing the second year of the company, and welcomed the Town Committee. Messrs. Russell, Carey, Purcell, Van Gieson, of the Town Committee, Town Clerk Poole, Collector Fuller, Assessor Harris, and Messrs. Goodell, Johnson, Livermore, McDonough, Owen, Sanford, Stador, (editor of the Times), Drs. Wright and Watkins, and others of the company responded to toasts. At 11 P. M., the after-party of thanks to Messrs. Martin and Schott, of the Anniversary Committee; to Geo. Inness, Jr., for design of menu; to Geo. D. Seib, of Thomas Ketcham & Co., for the copies furnished, and a vote to meet again "one year from now," the affair ended.

About 10 1/2 P. M., of Tuesday, November 25, a fire was discovered on Union street, near Clinton avenue, a building built for a Newark school, but disused for several years. The shutters had been removed and placed on a pile of hay at the side of the building and then set on fire. The fire was discovered after it had got a good start, and by the work of the neighbors, extinguished without calling on the department. As the "boys" were at supper at that hour their thanks are due to the volunteers who saved them from a run.

The Causes of Defeat.

It seems to be quite in order for Republicans to attribute their defeat to the Prohibitionists and therefore do not hesitate to pour out the vials of their wrath upon the "St. John Crowd," when the fact is that this is only one of several elements which made defeat possible.

The first was the unfortunate selection of Mr. Blaine as a candidate; for while we believe him eminently fitted in every way to honorably fill the office for which he was nominated, the grand party should not have been jeopardized by nominating one whose integrity for years has been questioned by many of the party. But in New York, where the deciding vote was cast, we find at least three distinct causes, besides the one already mentioned, the absence of any one of which would undoubtedly have given the election to the Republicans.

They are, the speech of Dr. Burchard, the Independent vote and the St. John vote. The latter evidently was drawn very largely from the Republican party, but in our own State the proportion was much smaller, as some of the Democratic counties gave a large vote for St. John; and the writer has information which shows that in our own town more than one-third of the ballots for Prohibition were cast by life-long Democrats, a canvass might show the number to be fully one-half, and with some Republicans it may have been a choice between voting for St. John or Cleveland. But assuming that the great majority of those were Republicans, had we not better try to win them back by demonstrating that their interests can best be promoted by their allegiance to the party whose record shows that it has always favored true reform, rather than attempt to brow-beat those whose liberty and motives can hardly be questioned?

Let our legislators favor the enactment of wholesome laws, properly restricting the liquor traffic, and the party will receive the support of many of our deluded brethren who will be convinced that their efforts can only be rewarded by State legislation. But if, on the other hand, representative Republicans go so far as to withdraw their support from legitimate temperance work, their claim to greater wisdom than the average Prohibitionist will be disputed.

The chances are that such action would only tend to alienate many more from the party; for we must recognize this fact—that the Republican party is made up in no small measure of those who believe the party to be friendly to temperance, but who would not allow themselves to be divorced from their principles, if that party arrays itself against this cause.

When we know that New Jersey pays nearly fourteen hundred per cent. more for liquor than for the support of her schools, we should be convinced that this question is too serious a matter to be lightly treated, but that it should command the attention of every thoughtful citizen.

REPUBLICAN.

Temperance Methods.

In your issue of Nov. 15 "H. E. B." assumes to be a judge for every one in regard to what defines their standing toward the question of temperance. This writer says, "All who are sound on the subject will give their names without hesitation, for what thorough temperance person ever refused to subscribe to a pledge." Further on the writer claims that "any disciple of Christ who does not sign the pledge thus openly put themselves on the side of the foe." Now, I submit, is this not like everyone who follows one idea to the exclusion of all others; continually crying we, and we only, are right, follow us or be lost?

I have no objections to their doing what good they can in their way; but I believe Christ was a better teacher than any of his professed followers. He said to his disciples when they forbade one casting out

devils in his name, "Because he followed not us," forbid him not.

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." What Gospel? "His blood cleanseth us from all sin." Whosoever will. Some extra good people say, you must get the drinking man to sign a pledge so that the Saviour can reach him—to make him one of the whosoever—and nobody shall have anything to do with leading him to the Saviour—if we can prevent it—unless they first sign the pledge. Out upon such fanaticism.

I should not have written thus, how strong soever my feeling have been, and still, are, if "H. E. B." had not, with such ruthless pen, given Christian charity to the winds, and proclaimed a universal crusade against all who hold other views, and left, by inference, the Gospel of our Master to follow in the wake of a so-called temperance pledge. TEMPERANCE.

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